

REMARKS

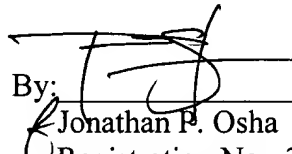
Please consider the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 16 and 40 were amended to clarify the present invention recited. New claims 41 and 42 were added to clarify additional aspects of the present invention. These amendments are fully supported by the original specification and no new matter has been added.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 15115.005001).

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